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DEPT FOR A

PASS TO WHITE HOUSE FOR CHENEY, SNOWCROFT, NESSEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.)

SUBJECT: PRE-ADVANCE REPORT FROM JAPAN

1. PRE-ADVANCE TEAM SPENT A VERY USEFUL DAY. THE MORNING WAS DEVOTED TO MEETINGS AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY AMBASSADOR UCHIDA, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. THIS AFTER-NOON WAS SPENT SURVEYING THE VARIOUS PROPOSED SITES.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MESSAGE IS THE LATEST PROPOSED SCHEDULE REFLECTING SOME CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS SCHEDULE. PRINCIPALLY, THE CHANGES REFLECT MINOR ALTERATIONS OF THE TIMING OF EVENTS.

3. HERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE GOJ TO THE ADVANCE TEAM:

QUOTE IT IS URGENT AND ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT. THE INFORMATION MUST BE SUPPLIED BY NOVEMBER 8 AT THE LATEST:

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1. FINAL CONFIRMATION OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

2. MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL SUITE (PARTY).

(1) PARTICIPATION TO THE VARIOUS EVENTS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL SUITE (PARTY).

(2) NAMES OF PERSONS WHO WILL STAY AT AKASAKA PALACE.

3. MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

(1) PRESIDENTIAL PLANE

(2) HELICOPTERS

(3) PRESIDENTIAL CARS. " UNQUOTE.

IT IS ESSENTIAL, IN OUR OPINION, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE EXCELLENT RAPPORT AND SPIRIT OF COOPERATION TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS REQUESTED BY NOV. 8. ITEM NO. 3 WE WILL HANDLE HERE.

4. ONE OF TWO MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS, ON WHICH WE NEED IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE, IS WHETHER THE PRESIDENT

SHOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE JAPANESE PRESS

CLUB FOR A LUNCHEON ON THE 21ST. THE LUNCH WOULD GIVE HIM A GOOD FORMUM FOR A NATIONALLY TELEVISED SPEECH BUT IS NORMALLY FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. THOSE QUESTIONS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY INCLUDE ONE ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON AMERICAN VESSELS, AND THE STANDARD RESPONSE WOULD NOT APPEAR AS CANDID AS WE BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT WOULD GENERALLY WISH TO BE IN JAPAN.

5. WHEN THIS INVITATION WAS FIRST ISSUED, ADMIRAL LARQUE'S TESTIMONY HAD NOT YET BEEN RELEASED
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AND THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE WAS DORMANT. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO FAVOR THE INVITATION. WE DID NOT ACCEPT IT BUT WE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY DECLINE, AND THE FACT OF THE INVITATION HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN IN JAPANESE PRESS CIRCLES. WE COULD NOT NOW TURN IT DOWN IN FAVOR OF A SPEECH AT ANOTHER ORGANIZATION WITHOUT APPEARING TO INSULT THE PRESS CLUB, WHICH WE HAVE NO REASON AND WISH TO OFFEND.

6. SINCE ARRIVING HERE, WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THE FOLLOWING:

A. MOST, AND PERHAPS ALL, LUNCHEON GUESTS ANSWER QUESTIONS. THOSE QUESTIONS ARE GENERALLY PRESENTED IN ADVANCE IN WRITING AND SCREENED TO AVOID DUPLICATION BUT NOT CONTROVERSY.

B. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF THE DELICACY OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, WOULD NOW PREFER NOT TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT TAKE QUESTIONS. BUT THEY WANT US TO MAKE THE DECISION AND TAKE THE HEAT IF THERE IS ANY.

C. THE PRESS CLUB WOULD PROBABLY - BUT NOT CERTAINLY - BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT ADDRESS IT EVEN WITHOUT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. OF COURSE, THOSE WHO OBJECT TO THIS WILL GET THE HEADLINES.

D. THE SPEECH COULD PROBABLY ALSO BE BROADCAST TO THE UNITED STATES AT PRIME TIME.

7. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS THE FOLLOWING FOUR OPTIONS, EACH OF WHICH HAS ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

(1) TO SPEAK TO THE PRESS CLUB AND TAKE QUESTIONS. THIS WOULD BE MOST IN LINE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S OWN OPEN STYLE. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE HIM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORUM TO MAKE A NATIONWIDE SPEECH THAT WOULD HAVE IMPACT HERE AND IN THE UNITED STATES. HIS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WOULD ALSO GET A WIDE HEARING.
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ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NUCLEAR QUESTION IS BOUND TO COME UP AND WE NOW HAVE NO FORMULA THAT WOULD DEPART SUFFICIENTLY FROM OUR PRESENT STAND TO SATISFY ALL JAPANESE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE DISTURBED, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THEY FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

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(2) TO SPEAK TO THE PRESS CLUB BUT NOT TAKE QUESTIONS (STATING THAT THE SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR A PRESS CONFERENCE NOR FOR THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THEMSELVES). THIS WOULD GIVE US THE FORUM WE WISH FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. IT WOULD LEAD TO CRITICISM AND MIGHT COMPEL THE CLUB TO WITHDRAW ITS INVITATION.

8. TO DECLINE THE PRESS CLUB AND INSTEAD MAKE A STUDIO SPEECH TO A NATION-WIDE TV AUDIENCE. THIS WOULD NOT OFFEND THE PRESS CLUB AS MUCH AS A SPEECH FROM THE FORUM OF ANOTHER SOCIETY, BUT WOULD STILL GENERATE SOME CRITICISM. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE THE PRESIDENT A CHANCE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SET-UP WOULD BE LESS HUMAN IN ITS DIMENSIONS THAN A SPEECH OT A LIVE AUDIENCE.

9 TO DECLINE THE PRESS CLUB AND INSTEAD GRANT AN INTERVIEW ON JAPANESE TV TO A RECOGNIZED REPORTER. THE PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGES WOULD BE GREATER FLEXIBILITY, AS IT COULD BE TAPED WHEN AND WHERE WE WISH, AND A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL STYLE. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT WOULD STILL
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HAVE TO REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, SINCE NO JAPANESE JOURNALIST COULD AVOID

POSING IT, AND HE MIGHT HAVE TO DEAL WITH
FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.

10. ON BALANCE, WE LEAN TOWARD OPTION TWO REPEAT
TWO. WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE SOME HEAT BUT MANY
JAPANESE WILL UNDERSTAND. THE CLUB MAY WITHDRAW
ITS INVITATION, BUT THAT WOULD GIVE US A GOOD BASIS
TO APPROACH SOME OTHER SOCIETY. AFTER OPTION TWO
WE WOULD RECOMMEND ONE, THREE AND FOUR IN THAT
ORDER.

11. IT IS APPARENT THAT GOJ ASCRIBES SIGNIFICANT
IMPORTANCE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE OFFICIAL
PARTY IN NUMEROUS OBLIGATORY PROTOCOL EVENTS.
THE OFFICIAL PARTY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NUMEROUS
CEREMONIES. CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN SELECTING THE
OFFICIAL PARTY, THESE INDIVIDUALS MUST BE PREPARED
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APPROPRIATE EVENTS
AND BE PREPARED TO BE PROPERLY ATTIRED.

12. THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF
THE PRESIDENT ATTENDING A BASEBALL GAME. GOJ WAS
COLD TO THE IDEA WHEN IT WAS DISCUSSED THIS MORNING.
AFTER AN ON-SITE INSPECTION, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
NUMEROUS FACTORS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS
OPTION BE DROPPED. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE REFLECTS
THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL THEATER.
WE RECOMMEND PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSED
EVENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT OTHER OPTIONS ARE
BEING EXPLORED. RUSTAND, HENKEL AND SMYSER ARE
CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED TOKYO SCHEDULE FOR THE
PRESIDENT DOES NOT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
PRESIDENT TO MEET THE PEOPLE OR PARTICIPATE IN
AN EVENT OF A SPONTANEOUS, HUMAN NATURE. IT IS OUR
PLAN TO BEGIN AN INTENSE EXPLORATION OF POSSIBLE
ACTIVITIES THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD PARTICIPATE IN.
IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE PURSUIT OF THESE PROPOSED
EVENTS SHOULD AT THE PRESENT TIME, BE UNILATERAL,
AS WE BELIEVE GOJ PRESENTLY DOES NOT WANT THE PRESIDENT
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TO EXPOSE HIMSELF IN UNCONTROLLED SITUATIONS.

13.

OUTLINE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1974

15:30 PM AF1 ARRIVES TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

LOCAL TIME

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE MET BY:

THE HEAD OF THE SUITE OF HONOUR

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

CLOSED ARRIVAL

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

15:40 PM HELO DEPARTS TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EN
ROUTE AKASAKA PALACE

15:50 PM HELO ARRIVES AKASAKA PALACE

OVERNIGHT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1974

9:30 AM ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT AKASAKA PALACE

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

NOTE: ATTIRE WILL BE MORNING COAT. SINCE
JAPANESE CUSTOM DOES NOT REQUIRE THE EMPEROR
TO MAKE REMARKS, NONE WILL BE REQUIRED OF
THE PRESIDENT.

9:50 AM MOTORCADE DEPARTS AKASAKA PALACE EN
ROUTE IMPERIAL PALACE.

NOTE: THE PRESIDENT WILL JOIN THE EMPEROR
IN HIS CAR. ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. OFFICIAL
PARTY ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT

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AND BE DRESSED IN MORNING COAT ATTIRE.

10:00 AM MOTORCADE ARRIVES IMPERIAL PALACE.

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THE PRESIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EMPEROR, PROCEEDS INSIDE
THE IMPERIAL PALACE TO THE AUDIENCE ROOM FOR A BRIEF VISIT
WITH THE EMPEROR AND THE EMPRESS.

NOTE: OTHERS MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL BE
ESCORTED TO A WAITING ROOM.

10:35 AM MOTORCADE DEPARTS IMPERIAL PALACE EN
ROUTE AKASAKA PALACE.

10:40 AM MOTORCADE ARRIVES AKASAKA PALACE.

11:00 AM PRIME MINISTER TANAKA ARRIVES AT AKASAKA
PALACE FOR COURTESY CALL AND HEAD-TO-
HEAD TALKS.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

NOTE: ATTIRE WILL BE BUSINESS SUIT

1:00 PM MOTORCADE DEPARTS AKASAKA PALACE EN ROUTE
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

NOTE: PRIME MINISTER TANAKA WILL ACCOMPANY THE
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PRESIDENT IN HIS CAR.

1:15 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVES PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE.

NOTE: THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE
JOINTED BY MRS. TANAKA AND WILL PROCEED INSIDE TO FORM

RECEIVING LINE TO RECEIVE GUESTS (APPROX. 100)

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

2:45 PM LUNCHEON CONCLUDES.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE
EN ROUTE AKASAKA PALACE.

2:55 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVES AKASAKA PALACE.

3:30 PM GOVERNOR MINOBE OF TOKYO ARRIVES AT AKASAKA
PALACE FOR COURTESY CALL.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

3:40 PM GOVERNOR MINOBE DEPARTS AKASAKA PALACE.

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

7:25 PM MOTORCADE DEPARTS AKASAKA PALACE EN ROUTE
IMPERIAL PALACE FOR IMPERIAL BANQUET.

NOTE: ATTIRE FOR THE IMPERIAL BANQUET IS WHITE TIE.

7:30 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVES IMPERIAL PALACE.

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE MET BY:
THE EMPEROR AND THE EMPRESS

THE PRESIDENT, ESCORTED BY THE EMPEROR
AND THE EMPRESS WILL PROCEED TO A DRAWING
ROOM AND, SUBSEQUENTLY THROUGH A RECEIVING
LINE EN ROUTE THE BANQUET.

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--- DINNER BEGINS, WITH TOASTS DURING THE DESERT
PORTION OF THE MEAL.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE (TOASTS ONLY)

10:50 PM BANQUET CONCLUDES AFTER THE PRESIDENT AND
THE EMPEROR HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE
APERTIFS WITH DINNER GUESTS.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS IMPERIAL PALACE EN
ROUTE AKASAKA PALACE.

11:00 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVES AKASAKA PALACE.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1974

10:00 AM PRIME MINISTER TANAKA ARRIVES AKASAKA
APPROX PALACE FOR HEAD-TO-HEAD TALKS.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

11:30 AM HEAD-TO-HEAD CONCLUDES.

12:30 PM LUNCHEON AND SPEECH TO THE JAPANESE PRESS
CLUB AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL.

NOTE: THIS ACTIVITY REMAINS "PROPOSED", PARTICULARLY
IN LIGHT OF THE SUBJECT OF A QUESTION AND ANSWER
PERIOD.

2:30 PM PRESS CLUB ACTIVITY CONCLUDES.

3:00 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVES NATIONAL THEATER WHERE
THE PRESIDENT WILL JOIN SEVERAL HUNDRED
SCHOOL CHILDREN IN WITNESSING A FOLKLORIC

PUPPET SHOW. (PROPOSED ACTIVITY)

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

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4:00 PM NATIONAL THEATER SHOW CONCLUDES.

MOTORCADE DEPARTS NATIONAL THEATER EN
ROUTE OKURA HOTEL

4:10 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVES OKURA HOTEL

THE PRESIDENT WILL PROCEED, BRIEFLY, TO
A HOLDING ROOM AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO A
RECEPTION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE
HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 200 PERSONS

5:00 PM THE PRESIDENT DEPARTS THE RECEPTION AND
PROCEEDS TO THE ADJACENT ROOM TO ATTEND ANOTHER
INFORMAL RECEPTION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS (JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY,
ETC.)

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
ATTENDANCE: 500 PERSONS

5:50 PM THE PRESIDENT DEPARTS RECEPTION AND BOARDS
MOTORCADE

MOTORCADE DEPARTS OKURA HOTEL EN ROUTE
AKASAKA PALACE

6:00 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVES AKASAKA PALACE

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME

7:30 PM THE PRESIDENT PROCEEDS TO FRONT ENTRANCE TO
AKASAKA PALACE TO RECEIVE THE EMPEROR AND
EMPRESS IN ORDER TO SUBSEQUENTLY ESCORT THEM
TO THE U.S. RECIPROCAL DINNER.

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NOTE: ATTIRE FOR THE EVENT IS BUSINESS SUIT.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE (TOASTS ONLY)

9:30 PM DINNER CONCLUDES.

THE EMPEROR AND THE EMPRESS DEPART AKASAKA
PALACE.

OVERNIGHT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1974

9:30 AM DEPARTURE CEREMONY AT AKASAKA PALACE.

NOTE: ATTIRE FOR THE EVENT IS BUSINESS SUIT

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:45 AM HELO DEPARTS AKASAKA PALACE EN ROUTE
TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

NOTE: EXACT METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION (HELO OR
MOTORCADE) WILL BE DETERMINED UPON COMPLETION OF
THE KYOTO PRE-ADVANCE.

10:00 AM AF1 DEPARTS TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EN
ROUTE OSAKA

11:00 AM AF1 ARRIVES OSAKA AIRPORT.
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